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## RUSSIA AND GERMANY

### COMBINED TO OPPOSE ENGLAND IN EVERY MOVEMENT.

The Result of the Emperor's Visit to St. Petersburg—Sudden Change in Tone of Russian Press—Subscriptions for the Storm Sufferers in Germany—Bismarck's Disapproval of the Russian-German Alliance—To Oppose the Dingley Bill by Arbitration.

Berlin, August 14.—The visit of the emperor and empress of Germany to Russia and the reception accorded them there is regarded in this country with divided feelings. Many people blame the emperor for humbling himself unnecessarily before the czar, think his majesty has again exceeded his proper limits and say that the czar showed much less expression than his guest in the shower of German decorations and favors bestowed upon the Russian court and other officials. Finally, they also consider it extravagant that there are now a dozen Russians who are chiefs of Prussian regiments. On the other hand, the results of the emperor's visit to St. Petersburg, so far as possible, are what the emperor wished, especially as regards Great Britain. Henceforth that country will find upon all important occasions, Russia and Germany in harmony. A general understanding has been reached, not only between the two rulers, but between Count Muraviev, the Russian minister for foreign affairs and Prince Hohenlohe, the German imperial chancellor and Baron von Buelow.

It is a curious fact that the tone of the entire Russian press changed during Emperor William's stay at St. Petersburg and became frankly Anglo-phobic. The newspapers of Russia, which have hitherto been constantly hostile to Germany, like The Novo Vremya and The Wyedomost, now welcome Emperor William as a new ally.

Princess Frederick Leopold, of Prussia, who was nearly drowned while skating last winter, was nearly killed early this week in the vicinity of Potsdam. While out riding, she slipped off her saddle and was dragged some distance along the road. She was eventually rescued by an aide de camp and by her husband.

Princess Gisela, of Bavaria, heiress to the throne of Bavaria, has taken to bicycling in the most enthusiastic manner. Princes and dukes are keen bicyclists.

Subscriptions for the relief of the victims of the recent inundation in Germany are pouring in and all the cities and empires are granting sums of money for the sufferers. The donation of municipalities of Berlin has been increased to 1,000,000 marks; Breslau has given 500,000 marks; Charlottenburg 500,000 marks; Elberfeld 1,500,000 marks, etc. The newspapers are collecting money everywhere. The Vossische Zeitung collected 65,000 marks within a week and dispatched the money to the sufferers. The provincial chambers are also making appropriations, but the government will not call a special session of the Reichstag or the Reichsrath in order to appropriate money for the relief work.

Acting upon the advice of Baron Thielmann, the former German ambassador in Washington, who has just been appointed privy councillor and the representative of the imperial chancellor in all the financial affairs of the empire, the German government is entering into negotiations with the governments of other countries injured by the new United States tariff, especially France, Great Britain and Belgium, for the purpose of effecting an agreement to demand the submission of all disputed points to a court of arbitration. In Germany's case, the disputed points are mainly the loss of a sword, the existing treaties and the paying back to the United States treasury of the export premiums paid by Germany.

From Duke John Albrecht of Mecklenburg, who has just visited Prince Bismarck, the correspondent of the Associated Press learns that the prince disapproves of Emperor William's visit to the czar and its accompanying features, has calculated to raise hopes in the Russian mind which Germany, later, may be unable to fulfill, especially in the matter of further Asiatic conquests. Relative to the state of affairs in South Africa and the role planned by the British secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, minister of the interior, has sharply condemned the latter and fears continued British duplicity.

A long distance cavalry ride, under conditions similar to those which would be met in actual war, was started from Stargard, in the Danzig district, forty-three officers of the Seventeenth army corps, taking part in it. The prize is a golden sword, presented by Emperor William and the distance to be covered is 108 kilometers in a bee line. The main roads are all blocked by patrols, so the competitors must reach the goal as best they can and by circuitous routes.

In Wurtemberg, Lieutenant Rabe, of the One Hundred and Twenty-second regiment of infantry, whose infantry regiment drove a recruit named Bauer to commit suicide, has been dismissed from the army and sentenced to four months' confinement in the state prison at Stuttgart. The United States ambassador, Mr. Andrew D. White, will take a trip to Leipzig exhibition during the course of next week. From Leipzig Mr. White will go to Dresden, where he will attend a subscription dinner will be given to Mr. Charles de Kay, the retiring consul general, on August 27th, by the American residents of the city.

The Hon. Carl Schurz is drinking the waters at Wiesbaden.

### Comparative Statement of Our Foreign Trade

Washington, August 14.—The monthly comparative statement of the imports and exports of the United States for July issued by the bureau of statistics, shows that the exports of domestic merchandise during the month amounted to \$7,222,537, a gain as compared with July, 1896, of nearly \$5,000,000. For the seven months, the increase, as compared with the same period last year, was over \$3,700,000. The imports of merchandise during July aggregated \$5,885,489, a gain of about \$1,500,000. Over 50 per cent. was free of duty. During the seven months, the increase on dutiable merchandise was \$19,100,875, and a gain as compared with July, 1896, of \$25,629,918 was duty free. The gold exports for July amounted to \$5,460,119 and the imports \$52,147. For the seven months there was a decrease in gold exportations of \$24,831,669 and a decrease of \$22,335,539 in the gold importations. The silver exports for July amounted to \$4,704,974 and the imports to \$1,012,391. For the seven months there was a decrease of \$3,065,110 in the exports and a decrease of \$1,350,636 in the imports.

Mrs. Commonstock (at the Summer hotel). They say the matter at our table is a foreign nobleman.

Mr. Commonstock (excitedly)—Good! I'll offer him one of our daughters and a share in my business and escape tipping him.—Judge.

## THE LEASE DENOUNCED.

Action of the Farmers' Alliance on the Lease of the North Carolina Railroad.

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., August 14.—The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote adopted by the State Farmers' Alliance at Hillsboro yesterday:

Whereas, The State Alliance did before its consummation most earnestly protest against the lease of the North Carolina railroad to the Southern Railway Company for ninety-nine years, and

Whereas, The preservation of our liberties demands the recognition of the sovereignty of the states of this republic on the part of the federal judiciary, therefore be it

Resolved, That we protest against interference in state affairs on the part of the federal judiciary.

Resolved, That we consider the attempted enjoining of the governor of North Carolina from the performance of his official duty as a high handed outrage and subversion of liberty.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to Governor Russell for the noble stand he has taken on the side of the people in their contest with corporate power and corruption.

### Official Returns of Taxable Values

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., August 14.—Official returns of taxable values from seventy counties so far received show increase of \$1,124,345 over last year. Rockingham leads in the increase with \$485,000, Cabarrus showing \$460,000, Rowan \$346,000, Gaston \$315,000, while as to decrease Person shows \$290,000, Madison \$196,000, Granville \$193,000.

It seems from statement today by state superintendent of public instruction that only twelve townships voted for school tax.

### Butler Makes a Deal

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., August 14.—Rumor is current here that Senator Butler has made a deal by which Moye, of Pitt, is to be the populist nominee for congress in the First District.

### Bicycle Races

New York, August 14.—At the national circuit meet at Waverly, N. J., this afternoon, thirty-five men started in the five mile handicap for professionals.

Mertens, Butler, Starbuck and Gardiner were the scratch men and none of them moved into the front bunch until three miles had been covered. Nat Butler won from Becker, of Minneapolis, who was on the 100 yard mark by half a wheel. Gardiner finished in third place, half a wheel behind the second man, with Oldfield, two lengths away, fourth.

The one mile open for professionals was won by E. C. Bald, who made one of his wonderful finishes, beating Mertens by a wheel, the same distance separating Gardiner and Cooper, who finished third and fourth respectively.

Half mile, handicap professional. Final heat won by C. S. Wells, San Francisco (50 yards); C. R. Newton, Stafford Spring, Conn. (20 yards); second; W. Coleman, Cambridge, Mass. (20 yards); third; E. C. Bald, Buffalo, (scratch), fourth. Time 58.4 seconds.

One-third mile, amateur national championship, won by E. W. Peabody, Chicago. Time 42.1-5.

One mile open, professional, won by E. C. Bald, Buffalo; Arthur C. Mertens, Minneapolis; second; Arthur Gardiner, Chicago; third; Tom Cooper, Detroit, fourth. Time 2:08.4-5.

Five mile handicap, professional, won by Nat Butler, Cambridgeport, Mass. (scratch); W. E. Becker, Minneapolis (100 yards); second; Arthur Gardiner, Chicago, (scratch); third; B. Oldfield, Toledo (150 yards), fourth. Time 11:31.1-5.

### The Relief Fund for Americans in Cuba

Washington, August 14.—Consul General Lee in a report to the state department says that the \$10,000 placed to the credit of the relief fund on May 22nd last, was equivalent to 10,975 Spanish dollars. This fund which he says was expended with the greatest care and economy, is nearly exhausted. With it about 1,400 destitute Americans have been fed daily and provided with necessary medicine. It cost 94 cents in United States money for each person per day, or even less, for transportation in their relief fund.

One hundred and eleven persons have had transportation provided for them to various points in the United States. About 56 per cent. of the 1,400 destitute persons are naturalized American citizens, but who have resided in Cuba for a long time, and whose business is there. Many of them, the report says, do not speak English. A large number have never been in the United States, being the wives and children of naturalized citizens.

### The Momo a Winner

Montreal, Que., August 14.—The American challenger yacht Momo today beat the royal St. Lawrence yacht club's Glencalr in the race for the Seawanhaka Corinthian challenge trophy. The Canadian boat was a slight favorite. The day was very clear with only a light, fitful breeze.

To the surprise of the experts the American boat increased her lead throughout, having drawn ahead half a mile at the end of the first six miles. The Momo crossed the winning line in the lead at 2:23. The Glencalr crossed at 2:27. The elapse in the time of the winning boat was 2 hours 43 minutes. The Momo sailed a beautiful race throughout and her showing was a great surprise even to her friends. It is now conceded that the American challenger is likely to be a sure winner of the series and will take the cup and the Seawanhaka-Corinthian club which she represents.

## AMERICAN INVENTORS

### GO TO ENGLAND FOR ENCOURAGEMENT IN THEIR WORK

A New Device in Telegraphing—The British Telegraph Department put at Disposal of Inventors for Experiment—Great Decrease in Exports to America From England—The Spectator's Warning of Americans—It Predicts War With England.

London, August 14.—The postoffice officials here are deeply interested in the experiments in telegraphy made by Professor Crehore, of Dartmouth college, and Lieutenant Squier, of the military school at Fortress Monroe, who claim that their device enables messages to be transmitted with extraordinary rapidity. The inventors said to a representative of the Associated Press: "The experiments over short circuits in the United States have been entirely satisfactory; but we were unable to secure facilities for long distance operations and so we came to England and asked the help of the government. We explained our scheme to Superintendent Preece, of the telegraph department, and his interest was immediately aroused. He promptly placed the government plant at our disposal and directed his subordinates to give us every possible aid in the trials over the London and Birmingham lines."

It is understood that the tests made have been entirely satisfactory. The inventors, however, are reticent. They desire to avoid publicity until the practicability of their scheme has been fully demonstrated. They seem to fear possible rivalry. It is claimed that their device will transmit enough matter in an hour, over a single wire, to fill a page of a newspaper.

An official of the British postoffice said to a representative of the Associated Press: "There is no doubt the Americans have a most valuable idea, which may result in greatly cheapening telegraphing. We are not yet satisfied of its practicability; but the experiments of next week will settle the uncertain points. I am surprised that more assistance is not given to inventors in the United States; but, England seems more friendly to American inventors than their own home."

Messrs. Crehore and Squier are thinking of going to France and Germany to show their invention to the telegraph officials of the governments of those countries.

Consul General Osborne says that the invoices of exports filed in his office since the new United States tariff became a law have decreased 50 per cent. Only in the cases of diamonds and other jewels has there been an increase. A large business has developed in jewelry which, heretofore has mostly been smuggled into the United States via Canada. Mr. Osborne thinks the dealers concluded that it is more profitable to pay the lower, Dingley, rates than to incur the costs and risks of smuggling.

The consul general hears that a leading tin plate manufacturer is going to transfer his business to the United States, on account of the tariff and that some woolen manufacturers are going to do the same, and for the same cause.

The Spectator during the course of a long and temperate article in regard to the provocative and unfriendly tone of American politicians of both parties towards England, says: "We are obliged to write as we never dreamed of being forced to write about a country only less dear to us than our own. But we should fall in our public duty if we did not point out in the strongest manner the grave risks which are likely to ensue from this attitude. Unless the United States assumes a very different tone, the gravest crisis is certain to ensue. Public opinion in England has greatly changed during the last few months and even if Lord Salisbury is anxious to politely ignore such indiscretions as Secretary Sherman's, the people would not permit it, and, hereafter, the consular demands, urged in unfriendly language, will be resisted unanimously by the nation, no matter what the risks may be. If America does not keep a better watch over her politicians they will hurry her into a conflict with this country whereof no one is able to see the end."

Abu Hamid, the post on the Nile just captured by the Anglo-Egyptian forces is a most important. The British commander, Sir Herbert Kitchener, the British commander, command of both ends of the railway which, starting from Wady Halfa, below the first cataract, is being pushed rapidly to its terminus at Abu Hamid, above the difficult fourth cataract. Gunboats are now building in England for transportation in sections to Abu Hamid, whence there is open water to Khartoum. These gunboats are powerful. They draw only two feet of water, steam fourteen knots an hour and are armed with fifteen pounders and Maxim rapid fire guns. It is announced that the whole flotilla will be ready to move south from Abu Hamid early in 1898.

It is positive, however, that Berber, the next important point on the Nile, may be seized before long, without waiting for the naval reinforcements. The Turkish newspapers, evidently inspired from the palace, are printing lurid pictures of the disaffection in India and to be caused by British outrages and, in short there is a regular propaganda upon the part of Turkey to create troubles for Great Britain in Mohammedan circles, as an offset to London's abetting the Armenian agitation.

The officials of the Indian office admit that Afghan officials have been concerned in the recent risings in India and strong reinforcements of British troops which are now being pushed to the front show that the authorities are fully alive to the dangers existing. It is strongly hinted that the long threatened Russian intrigue has materialized, but, circumstances hardly warrant this assumption.

### Death of a Congressman

North Adams, Mass., August 14.—Congressman Ashley B. Wright dropped dead at his home here tonight.

## BASE BALL.

Boston and Cincinnati Defeated—Baltimore Takes the Third Game From Philadelphia—St. Louis Defeats Cleveland.

Washington 7, Brooklyn 4.

Washington August 14.—The Brooklyn could not hit Mercer, while Dunn was an easy proposition for the Senators, who won out in the fifth inning by a batting rally when they made four for eight bases. The game was well played and interesting. Attendance 900. The score: R. H. E. Washington 10 2 0 4 0 0 0 — 7 12 2 Brooklyn 1 0 0 2 0 0 1 0 — 4 11 4 Batteries: Mercer and Farrell; Dunn and Smith. Umpire Emslie. Time 1:45.

Cleveland 5, St. Louis 10. Cleveland, August 14.—Brown was very wild and was replaced by Young in the third to save the game, but without avail. The Browns batted Young for five earned runs in the fourth. The score: R. H. E. Cleveland 10 0 1 1 0 2 0 0 — 5 10 1 St. Louis 0 4 0 5 0 0 0 1 0 — 14 1 Batteries: Brown, Young and Zimmer; Coleman, Donohue and Douglass. Umpire Hurst. Time 2:15. Attendance 1,200.

Pittsburg 6, Louisville 3. Pittsburg, August 14.—The game was won in the eighth inning by the good batting of the home team. The feature was Donovan's fielding. Attendance 2,300. The score: R. H. E. Pittsburg 10 0 2 0 0 0 3 — 6 13 3 Louisville 2 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 — 3 9 3 Batteries: Killen and Sugden; Hill and Wilson. Umpire McDonald. Time 2:20.

Cincinnati 9, Chicago 10. Cincinnati, August 14.—I took ten innings to decide the game between the Reds and the Colts today. The visitors tied the score in the ninth and won out in the tenth. This was McPhee day at the league park. It was the occasion of presenting to the great second baseman the testimonial to which the citizens of Cincinnati generally contributed. The check amounted to \$1,789.50. Attendance 7,000. The score: R. H. E. Cincinnati 3 3 0 0 2 1 0 0 0 — 9 13 4 Chicago 2 0 0 4 0 2 0 1 0 — 14 14 4 Batteries: Ehret, Damman and Peitz; Thornton and Donohue. Umpire O'Day. Time 2:00.

New York 6, Boston 4. New York, August 14.—Rusie held the leaders down to one run up to the eighth inning when four hits, assisted by errors, gave them two runs. Attendance 16,000. The score: R. H. E. New York 0 1 0 0 2 1 2 — 6 10 4 Boston 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 — 4 7 3 Batteries: Rusie and Warner; Lewis and Bergen. Umpires Lynch and Carpenter. Time 1:57.

### Philadelphia 10, Baltimore 11.

Philadelphia, August 14.—Baltimore made it three straight this afternoon, but only after one of the most exciting contests seen on the local grounds in this season. The Champions won out in the tenth on two singles and a sacrifice. Attendance 4,118. The score: R. H. E. Philadelphia 0 0 0 0 0 6 0 4 0 — 14 3 Baltimore 0 3 2 0 1 0 0 2 1 — 11 20 4 Batteries: Orth and McFarland; Hoffer and Clark. Umpire Kelly. Time 2:20.

### A Mighty Stir Over Supposed Filibuster.

Jacksonville, Fla., August 14.—Government officials seem to have an apprehension that a filibustering expedition is about to leave from some port in Florida, but so far there have been no movements to warrant this suspicion. The steamer Dauntless remains tied up at her wharf in this city and the mouth of the river is guarded by the gunboat Wilmington. Commander Todd is ordered not to let the Dauntless leave here unless he is positive that she has nothing aboard, and he will carry out these instructions even if it shall become necessary to use force, which is not likely will be the case. The revenue cutter Boutwell left here today for Fernandina, where the Morrill is now stationed and that place is watched. A large consignment of arms came through Fernandina this week, arriving at Brunswick from New York on one of the Mallory line steamers and consigned to a Jacksonville firm. The government is probably aware of this and this is what has given rise to the suspicions.

Spanish Consul Carrio, of Fernandina, visited the Morrill at that place this afternoon accompanied by the collector of customs, and when he left the cutter the Spanish flag was run up and a salute of five guns was fired—something unheard of in this section.

### John R. Gentry and Robert J. on the Track

Groversville, N. Y., August 14.—Pastime park was in almost perfect condition for the trial of speed of Robert J. and John R. Gentry today, in which the latter established a new record for the state. Both horses were paced by running mates. Robert J. was first to appear. He made an excellent start, but at the half mile his boot became disarranged and the horse broke. Notwithstanding this he made a fast mile, the time by quarters being 32½; 1:04; 1:39; 2:11.

When John R. Gentry appeared he got the word at the second attempt. He gave a beautiful exhibition, burning the track without a break and finishing in 2:06½, thus lowering the state record on a half mile track. The time by quarters was 33; 1:03½; 1:35½; 2:06½.

### A Summer Comfort

Linene Reversible Collars and Cuffs are money, labor and care savers. They cost less than the common kinds—do away with the laundry bill—and begot your confidence because they never wilt. See adv.

### Another Company Chartered

Our Raleigh correspondent telegraphed as follows last night: "The Secretary of State grants a thirty year charter to Wilmington livery stable, composed of Frank Wright and others."

## ESCAPE OF CONVICTS.

### FIVE GET AWAY BY GROSS CARELESSNESS OF A GUARD.

Surprising that More do not Escape—The Wreck on the Carolina Central—Heavy Shipment of Grapes—Home Mills Consuming all our Wheat—Confession of the Boston Bridge Train Wreckers—Woe of the Fruitage of Cotton Planters.

Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel, Raleigh, N. C., August 14.

Five negro convicts, guarded by a negro, escaped from the penitentiary Thursday night, by cutting through the bars of a window in the hospital wing, letting themselves down by a thirty foot chain and then getting over the stockade by means of a ladder. They are John Halliburton, life prisoner; John Johnson, ten years; John Richardson, one year; Yathe Simmons, one year; Rufus Gibson, seven years. This morning Halliburton and Johnson were recaptured in Durham county by two young white men and returned to the penitentiary.

The guard who let these men escape was dismissed. They got away either by the grossest kind of negligence or by criminal carelessness. A female hospital attendant saw them walking across the grounds about 11 o'clock p. m. The convicts, however, were not under management convicts do not get away by scores. The authorities of the prison will have trouble after September 1st, when the last of the veteran employes leaves. They do not rise to the height of the situation. They do not appreciate the danger that menaces every hour.

Yesterday afternoon a through freight train, southbound, on the Seaboard Air Line, was derailed near Rockingham and Willis Taylor, colored, a brakeman, was killed. Six cars were utterly wrecked. Early this morning a wrecking train of five cars left here for the scene. Near Osgood the caboose left the track and went down an embankment. Conductor Davis was in the caboose and was so badly brised he had to return here.

Whiting Bros., grape growers here, have shipped 1,000 crates entirely of Delaware grapes, and H. Bilyeu has shipped 500 of the same grape. They are now making unfermented grape juice by a new process. Joseph G. Brown, president of the Citizens' National Bank, of Raleigh, left for Detroit today to attend the annual meeting of the American Bankers' Association.

Judge Purnell, who has been at Asheville for nearly two months, returned here today.

Senator Butler announces that during the remainder of the year he will personally edit his paper here.

There is a notably large increase in the number of roller flouring mills in this state. These are using every bushel of wheat grown in the state.

In the matter of the finding of a true bill against the two white convicts who confessed they caused the Boston bridge wreck in 1891, no less than five witnesses were examined. Two of them from Kingston, N. C. The convicts told two of their fellow convicts, whose terms had nearly expired, so they could get the money they had taken from persons on the wrecked train and had hidden.

The Governor's Guard goes to Ocean View tomorrow, remaining until Tuesday. It will not, owing to its late and experience, take part in the sham battle there.

To more cases of outrage by negroes are reported today, both of negro children less than 12 years old. One case is near Hendersonville, the other near Durham.

Preparations for the state fair here in October are very active. All indications are that it will be a notably good one from an agricultural point of view. This is a wonderfully prosperous year and the people are in the humor for such things as fairs and other gatherings.

United States deputy marshals of the class known as office deputies are within the class protected from removal by the civil service law. Judge Jackson in West Virginia holds that an injunction will lie to prevent their removal.

The Cumcock coal mines during July sold 2,000 tons of coal, most of it to the Seaboard Air Line. This month it will sell more.

H. Lee, a large cotton dealer, was asked today his opinion of the cotton crop. He says he never saw a finer one; that the plants will actually have to shed one-half the fruit now on them in order that the remainder may mature; that it can shed two-thirds and yet be a big crop. He says that a little later there will be a cry that cotton is shedding, but that no one need fear.

The funeral of ex-Chief of Police Charles D. Heatt was held this morning. The Odd Fellows were in charge. Your correspondent desires to make special acknowledgment of the many courtesies shown him by Private Secretary Alexander while making the extracts from the Vance letter books. These extracts have been received with marked favor all over the state.

Governor Russell left this morning for Wrightsville, to remain until Monday. He tells me he will not be able to go to Ocean View and Old Point next week.

### A Ring on the Track

Cincinnati, August 14.—A supposed ringer was run at Newport today and all bets are held back pending investigation by the judges. The horse is Waban, a chestnut colt, 4 years old, by Sir Joseph-Hulda, and was entered in the name of Spragg & Lydy. Waban won the second race under a pull, beating the heavily backed favorite Whyota and several others. A horse of the same name has started several times at the local tracks, but whether this is the same animal or not is what the judges are going to find out before bets are paid. Waban opened at 10 to 1 and was backed down to 5 to 2 at post time. He was ridden by James, one of the best boys at the track.

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### INTENSE INTEREST

Centered in the Strike—Injunction Cases to be Tried Tomorrow—The Strike Leaders in Good Spirits—Camp Commissioners Well Stocked.

Pittsburg, August 14.—For the next few days the eyes of the industrial world will be turned towards Pittsburg. The greatest anxiety will prevail until Monday when the injunction proceedings against the marching miners will be finally heard. That there is much interest in the situation is evidenced by the presence here of a number of the foremost labor leaders in the country. Michael D. Ratchford, national president of the United Mine Workers of America; Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor; and James R. Sovereign, general master workman of the Knights of Labor, arrived here this afternoon and will remain a few days. While they are here, they will be kept busy. They came from West Virginia and were enthusiastic. Ratchford seemed to be well pleased with the outlook and in an interview, said: "The fight is in a better condition today than it ever was. The men are as solid as a rock, while they are increasing in number and determination. They are growing stronger every day and there are more organizers among them than there have been. We have reached the point where we are closely curtailing the output and where we have the courts to fight. In this connection I wish to say for every man that is incarcerated there will be 100 friends gained for the cause. We have not come here to defy the courts or judges, but to discharge a plain duty as we understood it. It would be a crime to talk to men of the benefits of trades unionism and call them together in peaceful assemblage, we are surely ready to meet the issue."

President Samuel Gompers expressed a hopeful view of the situation in West Virginia. He said there was some coal being produced in certain sections, but the supply was being gradually cut off. He claimed there was general sympathy for the cause in the mountain state and maintains that fully 13,000 of the 20,000 diggers of that state have joined the suspension.

A series of meetings to be addressed by the labor leaders will be arranged. Ratchford, Gompers and Sovereign will address a big meeting at Camp Union at Plum Creek, tomorrow afternoon. It is expected to be one of the biggest meetings in the history of the strike. It is hoped to bring nearly all of the miners employed by the New York and Cleveland Company at the meeting and make one grand effort to rally them to the standard of the strikers.

The majority of the campers are awaiting anxiously for the court's decision on Monday.

In case the injunction is continued, it is altogether probable that some of the men may march in order to get arrested. The reason for holding off is said to be due to the fact that the men have hopes the injunctions will be quashed. In case they win, the strikers say they will camp right where they are and march every morning until the strike is won.

The camp commissaries are well stocked with provisions and so far as the material is concerned, the strikers will not suffer. No move will be made by the sheriff in raiding the camps until after the hearing on Monday. If the injunction is continued he says the camps will be broken up in short order.

There was a big meeting of the striking miners at McKeesport tonight. Over 3,000 strikers were present and addresses were made by Ratchford, Gompers, Sovereign and Mrs. Jones. Previous to the meeting there was a parade of 1,500 miners and striking steel workers. The speakers predicted success, denounced the injunctions and advised the strikers to obey the law.

### Death of Samuel Chester Reid

Washington, August 14.—Samuel Chester Reid, a former lawyer, writer and the nephew of Captain Reid, the naval warrior who commanded the privateer brig "Captain Armstrong" in the remarkable battle of the Azores islands in 1814, died here yesterday aged 77 years. A son survives him.

Reid was born in New York city in 1818, shipped before the mast of a ship he was 16 years old, finally settling at Natchez, Miss., and became United States deputy marshal. Later he served in the Mexican war, was a delegate to the national railroad convention at Memphis, Tenn., in 1851, was offered but declined the post of United States minister to Rome, and was the confidential war correspondent for a large number of southern newspapers. In 1865 he resumed his law practice and, later, lectured. He established and incorporated the Mississippi Valley and Brazil Steamship Company at St. Louis and is the author of a large number of books on law and historical subjects, including his uncle's successful fight of the Azores and similar achievements.

### The Bird Shoot Contest

Rochester, N. Y., August 14.—Elliott beat Glover in the United States championship live bird shoot today by a score of 92 to 84.